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## **Sen. Cassis announces grants for Milford Village and Township projects**

*State/local partnership increases recreation in community*

**LANSING**—The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) voted to approve two projects in the Milford community important to area leaders. On Wednesday, state Sen. Nancy Cassis addressed the trust fund board members in support of Milford Township and Village grant applications for a bike path and trail construction.

“The trail and bike path will add significant value to the Milford community and Oakland County as a whole,” said Cassis, R- Novi. “Wednesday’s action by the MNRTF trustees makes it possible to begin construction on these projects, identified by the Southeast Michigan Greenway Vision as a high priority.”

The grants will provide funding for two projects—one in the Village of Milford and one in Milford Township—with a focus on enhancing the recreational goals of the community and region. Milford Township would like to build a 2.9-mile non-motorized trail from Kensington Metropark to the Milford Dam. The village plans a 1.1-mile non-motorized trail in Hubbell Pond Park and connecting to the township’s proposed trail.

Cassis says that a lot of local effort went into making sure the grant applications were very well prepared. Milford Village Manager Arthur Shufflebarger and Milford Township Supervisor Don Green are eager to begin work on the bike paths and trails so they can be enjoyed by residents.

“This meeting is the first step toward increasing Milford’s recreational opportunities,” said Mr. Shufflebarger. “Having Sen. Cassis’ support along the way was an immense help.”

Township Supervisor Green agreed: “We are fortunate to have such an involved public official as Sen. Cassis. The Milford community and all of Oakland County will benefit from these trails and the recreation they afford.”

Cassis commended Green and Shufflebarger for their work.

“Manager Shufflebarger and Supervisor Green really deserve a lot of credit for all the legwork that leads up to a successful grant application,” Cassis said. “I’m proud to partner with these dedicated public servants to improve our community.”

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